

Volume 2. Harley Books) but the characteristic workings of this species on hazel, which are present all the year round, mean that the breeding range of this moth may now be ascertained with little difficulty.— I. SIMS, 2 The Delph, Lower Earley, Reading, Berkshire RG6 3AN.

***Nemapogon ruricolella* (Stainton 1849) (Lep.: Tineidae) in southern England**

I wish to record the occurrence of the above moth at several localities in southern England. In each case this has been the most abundant tineid I have reared from larvae collected in fungi:

Hainault Forest, Chigwell Row, South Essex (VC18), December 1993 in *Coriolus versicolor*, and December 1994 in *Oxyporus populinus*; Rufous Stone, New Forest, South Hampshire (VC11), March 1995 in *C. versicolor*; Medmenham, Buckinghamshire (VC24), March 1995 in *C. versicolor*, and March 1996 in *Hymenochaete rubiginosa* and *Stereum hirsutum*; Bear Wood, Wokingham, Berkshire (VC22) April 1995 in *C. versicolor*; Bramshill Plantation, Eversley, North Hampshire (VC12), April 1995 in *Bjerkandera adjusta*; Ashley Hill Forest, Knowl Hill, Berkshire, March 1996 in *Herschioporus abietinus*; Burnham Beeches, Slough, Berkshire, March 1996 in *C. versicolor*.

The records from Berkshire appear to be the first since the *Victoria County History* when this moth was recorded from the Reading area. It was not mentioned from Essex by Emmet (1981, *The smaller moths of Essex*. Essex Naturalist 6: 1-158) but by 1985 it had been recorded from VC18 (Pelham-Clinton, 1985, Tineidae. In: *The moths and butterflies of Great Britain and Ireland*, Volume 2). The latter work shows no record for this species from North Hampshire either although this situation may have changed since 1985. It would appear that this moth has increased its distribution and abundance in recent times, as Mr D. O'keeffe informs me that it is very common in his area of West Kent and surrounding vice-counties. It is certainly one worth looking out for in coming seasons.— I. SIMS, 2 The Delph, Lower Earley, Reading, Berkshire RG6 3AN.

The Clouded Yellow *Colias croceus* Geoffroy (Lep.: Pieridae) in Devon during 1996

There was a good invasion of Clouded Yellows in Devon in 1996, with a total of 240 adults recorded. There was an early sighting on 6 May (Exmouth, D.C.M. Radford), but the first invasion did not begin until 6 June at Ebford (D. Hopkins) and with 21 sightings scattered across the County during the rest of the month. Apart from a single observation on 18 July (Beesands, K. Goatly), the second immigration did not start until the end of July (26 July, Chefham, J. Butter), with numbers peaking in August. A few were seen during September and October, with the last one being seen on 13 November (together with a Small Copper – the latest ever Devon record – and a Comma) at Knap Mill by Ken Goatly.—C.R. BRISTOW, Davidsland, Coplestone, Devon EX17 5NX.